

REMARKS

I. Introduction.

Claims 1-29 and 31-37 are pending, and stand rejected. Various groups of claims or individual claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a).

II. The 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) Rejections.

Claims 1, 4-9, 11, 12, 15-29, and 31-37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,125,860, de Sebastian in view of either U.S. Patent 6,369,019 issued to Gordon, et al. or U.S. Patent 6,537,957 issued to Cardola, et al.

Claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over the references asserted to constitute prior art as applied to Claim 1, and further in view of either Johnston, et al. or Evans.

Claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over the references asserted to constitute prior art as applied to Claim 1, and further in view of U.S. Patent 3,658,590, Huebner, et al.

Claim 10 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over the references asserted to constitute prior art as applied to Claim 1, and further in view of either U.S. Patent 5,721,306, Tsipursky, et al. or Egan, et al.

Claims 13, 14, and 31 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over the references asserted to constitute prior art as applied to Claim 1, and further in view of PCT Publication WO 79/48927, Hawes, U.S. Patent 3,355,018 issued to Smith, or U.S. Patent 5,647,977, Arnaud.

The Office Action states with respect to Claims 1, 4-9, 11, 12, 15-29, and 31-37, that de Sebastian differs from Claims 1, 33, and 34 only in the recitation of the composition having a pH less than nine or neutral and a polymer to render the surface hydrophilic. The Office Action states that the patents to Gordon and Cardola each disclose an aqueous cleaning compoisiton for cleaning surfaces like car/automobile exteriors which has a pH less than nine or neutral and a polymer. The Office Action concludes that it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to substitute the cleaning

solution/composition of either Gordon or Cardola for the cleaning solution/composition in de Sebastian.

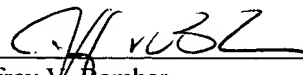
The Applicants respectfully request that the Section 103(a) rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn. The present application claims priority to a PCT international patent application filed on June 14, 2000. U.S. Patent 6,369,019 was issued to Gordon, et al. on April 9, 2002, and states on its face that its 35 U.S.C. Section 102(e) date is June 19, 2000. U.S. Patent 6,537,957 was issued to Cardola, et al. on March 25, 2003. Though the U.S. patent to Gordon, et al. refers to a PCT equivalent, the U.S. Patent used as the basis for all of these rejections is not believed to constitute prior art against the present application. Therefore, the rejections based upon the present combination of references should be reconsidered and withdrawn.

The Applicants are unable to further respond to the rejection of Claim 10 as far as it pertains to the "Egan, et al." reference. The patent number of the Egan, et al. reference was not provided in the Office Action. The Applicants have reviewed the references cited in this application, and have not found any references to Egan, et al. Should the Egan, et al. reference be reapplied, the Examiner is requested to provide the patent number of the Egan, et al. reference in the next Official Action.

III. Summary.

The 35 U.S.C. Section 103 rejections have been addressed. In view of the foregoing, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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